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Mountain Regional holds celebrations

A communitywide celebration was held April 15 to say thank you to Union County citizens, Friends, library staff and elected officials for their respective parts in advocating for the Union County Public Library's renovation and addition project — the first building project in the Mountain Regional Library System in more than 20 years. Library Director Donna Howell recognized special guests, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to help the system celebrate. Attendees included Sen. Chip Pearson, Rep. Stephen Allison, Commissioner Lamar Paris, members of the building committee, Union County and regional library trustees and former Union County Librarian

Wilma Ash. The Union County event came one day after the Friends of the Libraries of Towns County celebrated National Library Workers Day by presenting every library staff member and regular volunteer working in Towns County — at both the Mountain Regional Library headquarters in Young Harris and the Towns County Public Library in Hiawassee — with a gift certificate to a local restaurant and a hand-crocheted bookmark made by Friends member Barbara Hale inside a personalized thank-you card. "It was a wonderful way to recognize the contributions of every library worker to the success of our libraries," said Howell. ►►



Barbara Hale presents Towns County staff members Nannette Weaver, Debbie Phillips and Carmen Denton with their cards and certificates

GOLD/GALILEO conference coming July 31

Librarians from across the state are invited to help celebrate two decades of library collaboration at this year's GOLD/GALILEO Users Group Conference on Friday, July 31. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the beginning of Georgia's interlibrary lending and resource sharing network, GOLD, and the first of its user annual conferences. The keynote speaker will be Helene Blowers, digital strategy director for the Columbus (Ohio) Metropolitan Library. Links to registration materials and hotel information are available later this month at www.georgialibraries.org/lib/gold.html. ►►



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